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1. FOLLOWING DINNER HOSTED BY TUNISIAN DEFENSE MINISTER FARHAT IN HIS HONOR JANUARY 12, ADMIRAL BAGLEY, CINCUSNAVEUR, HAD FURTHER PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER. IN THE COURSE OF THIS CONVERSATION FARHAT STATED THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL BASED ON EXCELLENT INTELLIGENCE SOURCES THAT TUNISIA HAS IN TRIPOLI. ON NATURE OF IMMEDIATE THREAT, FARHAT SAID EARLY USE OF FORCE BY QADHAFI UNLIKELY. GOT EXPECTED THAT QADHAFI WOULD FIRST MAKE USE OF INFILTRATION AND TERRORISM.

2. WE NOTE THAT TRIPOLI RADIO AND PRESS COMMENTARY SECRET

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JANUARY 12 ON UNION OFLIBYA AND TUNISIA (TRIPOLI 29 NOTAL) CONTAINS LANGUAGE VERY CLOSE TO THAT FARHAT DESCRIBED QADHAFI AS HAVING USED IN PRIVATE. KING

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